

# House Bill 4549

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368  
Regarding exam requirement for  
master's level psychologists

## 2005 Psychology Rules

- Education: LARA approved graduate program
- Practicum: 500 hrs., PhD supervised
- Experience: Under TLLP, 2000 supervised hrs.
- Qualification for LLP license is met

## 2007/2010 Psychology Rules

- Education: Same as 2005
- Practicum: Same as 2005
- Experience: Same as 2005
- Exam: Pass EPPP exam
- Qualification for LLP license is met

## Graduate Timeline

- Begin program 2006/2007
- Program admin. confirm no exam required
- Graduate 2009/2010, receive TLLP, get jobs
- LLP goal
- Aug. 2011 informed of exam requirement

## TLLP/LLP Licensure Confusion

- Some 2009/2010 grads receive LLP w/o exam
- LLP licensees submitted dual application, allowed by LARA
- Dr. Patricia Watson's response: "Unethical"

## Attempts to Solve the Problem

### Contact with:

- LARA Directors
- Madonna University Administration
- Board of Psychology
- MPA Attorneys
- Representatives & Senators
- Governor Snyder's Office

## Roll Out of Rule Change Unclear

- Contradiction

- R 338.2505a (3): To get LLP, pass exam. Effective date of this subrule June 30, 2010
- R 338.2507 Rule 7 (b)(ii): If enrolled in program prior to, and apply for LLP within 5 years of effective date of amendatory rule, eligible for LLP under old rule [no exam required]

## R 338.2507 Rule 7

(b)(ii) "Individuals who are enrolled in a master's degree program that qualified them for a limited license before the effective date of this amendatory rule [June 30, 2010] and who apply for a limited license within 5 years of the effective date of this amendatory rule shall be eligible for a limited license under MCL 333.18223(2)."

## Recent Developments Re: TLLP

- LARA director implementing new deadlines for passing exam
- Deadlines NOT part of recent rule change (2015)
- Deadlines risk of revocation of licenses

## Potential Negative Impacts on the Community

- Failure to pass the EPPP exam by August 31, 2017, results in immediate revocation of our license, which will remove our ability to practice.
- Following August 31, 2017, individuals get ONE chance to pass the exam or their license is revoked.
- Master's level psychologists who have been practicing for the past 7 years, are in jeopardy of losing their ability to continue to help clients in need. These professionals work in critical functions across the state such as Community Mental Health facilities and drug courts.
- A conservative estimate of clients negatively impacted using a figure of 60 clinicians, is 9000-11,000 plus per year.

